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Response to Official Action

In the Drawings

No amendments are made to the Drawings herein.

Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to comply with the examiner's requirement that the claims be drawn to a method of enhancing the immune response. The examiner has stated that the original claims were drawn to enhancement of an immune response and the new claims claim a different invention.

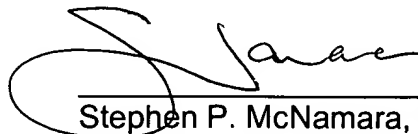
The wording of the independent claims has been amended to conform to the claim language as originally presented.

Applicant notes that previously the Examiner had rejected the language "enhancing the level of an immune response" under 35 U.S.C. §112 (See Office Action of May 11, 2005). However, the amended claims now specify "enhancing an immune response." It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are definite, and fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112. It is noted that there are numerous prior granted patents, on the order of about 250 granted patents, in which this claim language has been used, including, for example, US Patent Nos. 7,011,833 and 6,821,517. Any rejection of the claim language as indefinite is inconsistent with longstanding Patent Office acceptance of this claim language in prior patents.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and therefore the examiner is respectfully requested to grant such allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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